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Dear Jim,

Relet 26 (fantastic postal service for a change!), a few suggestions and requests:

If you are going to do more than xerox your inventory of the declassified documents, I suggest waiting until you can go over the second list + gave you in the same manner, which should save you work, before distributing it. I think this might also be more convenient for everyone to use. Unless, of course, you will only xerox what you have.

The only urgency I see in this new stuff is in careful examination to do what can be done to diminish the possibilities for irresponsible or wrongful use, so the arrangements that can reduce copying costs are good.

The three things you refer to and of which I had asked, if they present no special problems, would be good to have earlier, as soon as possible, with two copies of each. There are two John Whites. Your hunch about the involvement of the Florida area is a good one, for I have private information about one by his name and that (not, from my notes, mentioning Mexico). The other one does have a Mexican-flight record, and again my info is not from the WC. I have one who has a special interest in this, and I'd like to attach what I wrote to a copy.

Paul Hoch had an interest in Howie Cohen, I've forgotten the nature. I also have a friend who was his friend and partner (so here, please, a third copy for him). Cohen was a partner in the Ryder Coffee House, where both LHO and Thornley went.

Hal Verg had an interest in Kessler and interviewed someone about him, maybe also either interviewed him or had someone else do it. The recurrence of similar items in the declassified tends to lend credibility to the belief some such thing happened. In fact, even Dean Andrews told me of such an incident, but with a different twist. He gave me the name of a federally-connected whore who befriended LHO in Mexico, he said, anyway, including by giving him money. If Dean is not the most dependable source, he also has been both remarkably accurate in some cases and has told some stories that are partly true and partly distorted, in a manner leading me to believe the distortion is conscious and for special purposes. He also told me of LHO Mexican interest that Liebelier knew of and avoided in questioning him.

Appreciate the package I got yesterday. However, with stuff that is not urgent, it might be if no less useful to hold until I'm there and have that amount of postage money for more immediate uses. Some of it baffles me.

Best,